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OCTOBER 12, 1974

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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1. THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED THIS MORNING ON HOW MUCH HE APPRECIATED THE THOROUGH REPORTS YOU HAVE BEEN SENDING HIM. HE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATES THE SENSE OF MOOD AND ATTITUDE WHICH YOU HAVE CONVEYED AND WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE. HE COMMENTED PARTICULARLY ON THE REPORT OF YOUR SECOND MEETING WITH SADAT. HE FELT THAT IT WAS QUITE ENCOURAGING UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE ASKED WHAT MANNER OF MAN SADAT WAS AS A NEGOTIATOR. I TOLD HIM I HAD NOT OBSERVED HIM FIRSTHAND, BUT RECOUNTED YOUR STORIES OF YOUR INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIM, HIS LONGER-TERM PERSPECTIVE AND HIS FRANK AND DIRECT STYLE. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HOPED YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE HIM FEEL AS IF HE HAD A RINGSIDE SEAT AT YOUR TALKS.

2. I HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM LARRY THAT HARTMAN HAS DISPATCHED PEOPLE TO EUROPE TO OBTAIN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION, PURSUANT TO HAKTO 1. AS YOU KNOW, [REDACTED] DEPARTING TODAY ON THE SAME MISSION. IT IS TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, BUT I THINK IT REGRETTABLE THAT WE ARE OPERATING IN SO UNCOORDINATED A FASHION. I CAN IMAGINE HOW THIS WILL LOOK TO OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES.

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3. YOU HAVE RECEIVED A RUNDOWN FROM HOLTON ON THE CRA (TO SEC 129). I THINK HIS PROPOSED LANGUAGE IS FINE AS A FALLBACK, BUT I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH HIS JUDGMENT THAT THAT LANGUAGE IS PREFERABLE TO A CLEAN BILL. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY WILL CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE, EVEN WITH A CLEAN BILL, THAT THE CONGRESS FULLY CONSIDERED THE LEGAL ASPECTS, AND THAT EVEN WITH A CLEAN CRA WE CAN CONSIDER THE LEGAL ISSUE CLOSED.

4. TO SEC 131 RECOMMENDS THAT WE GRANT A WAIVER FOR A CUBAN VISA FOR ATTENDANCE AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE US, IN RESPONSE TO CASTRO'S FREEING OF FOUR AMERICANS. I DO NOT BELIEVE CASTRO'S ACTION REQUIRES ANY RESPONSE FROM US, AND SO SOON AFTER THE BIG FIGHT WE HAD OVER CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE, I THINK IT WOULD BE WRONG TO GRANT A WAIVER. JUST AS IN THE ENERGY CONFERENCE CASE, I THINK WE MUST NOT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME APPEAR AS IF WE ARE CONTEMPLATING A CHANGE IN POLICY.

5. COSTA GOMES IS CONFIRMED FOR NOON ON OCTOBER 18 WITH THE PRESIDENT.

6. REFERENCE HAKTO 21, DON RUMSFELD IS NOW IN BRUSSELS BUT I WILL TAKE UP THE VETO MATTER WITH HIM WHEN HE RETURNS.

7. I WILL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT LATE WEDNESDAY. AT THIS MOMENT I AM NOT SURE EXACTLY WHEN HE WILL BE RETURNING. THERE IS APPARENTLY SOME THOUGHT OF A DINNER SPEECH ON HIS WAY BACK FROM THE MID-WEST.

WARM REGARDS.

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